



1st Battalion, 1st Marines Commanding Officer's Unit Violence Prevention Policy Statement



Protecting our personnel and their families from violence or the threat of violence is critical to our battalion's readiness and ability to accomplish its mission.

Violence prevention begins with evaluating warning signs/indicators of potential violence and sharing information to enable leaders to make informed decisions regarding inappropriate behaviors, threats, and violence.

I need your cooperation implementing the Violence Prevention Program and maintaining an environment free from violence. Do not ignore warning signs of potential violence or harassing, intimidating, or threatening behavior. MCO 5580.3 contains a detailed list of the warning signs and indicators of violent behavior and I encourage Marines and Sailors to become familiar with them.

If you observe or experience such behavior by anyone, whether he or she is a unit member or not, report it immediately to one of your unit leaders or the Military Police. Leaders who receive such reports shall seek advice from the Violence Prevention Officer (VPO) regarding conducting an inquiry into the situation and initiating appropriate action.

Contact the Military Police by dialing 911 for any threats requiring immediate law enforcement involvement, assaults, and other suspected crimes.

I will support all efforts made by leaders in dealing with violent, harassing, intimidating, threatening, or other disruptive behavior in our battalion and will monitor whether this policy is being implemented effectively.

Leadership is the key to violence prevention. **Through leadership, commanders and leaders create a culture that discourages unlawful violence and encourages increased reporting of warning signs and indicators of potential violence.** To facilitate that goal, commanders shall ensure all leaders, supervisors, and personnel within their command are familiar with this statement and the Marine Corps Violence Prevention Program.

Contact the unit Violence Protection Officer, 1stLt North, at 760-763-4499 with any questions about this policy statement or the applicable Marine Corps Order.

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